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SUBJECT: RECOMBINANT DNA RESEARCH CONTROL IN ISRAEL

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PROF. LEO SACHS ON JULY 19, SCIATT LEARNED THAT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PLANNED FOR ISRAEL, AS DESCRIBED IN REF (B), WERE FORMED IN 1976. SACHS IS CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH IS MADE UP OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH UNIVERSITY/RESEARCH CENTER COMMITTEE PLUS REPS FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR R&D AND PUBLIC HEALTH MEMBER. NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS FINAL AUTHORITY. PRIMARY GUIDELINES ARE THOSE OF NIH WITH CONSIDERATION ALSO GIVEN TO EMBO RULES.

2. SOME EXPERIMENTS BEGINNING NOW IN ISRAEL BUT LIMITED TO P-1 AND P-2 (LOW RISK) CATEGORIES. ONLY P-3 FACILITY IN ISRAEL IS BEING BUILT AT WEIZMANN AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS, AT WHICH TIME P-3 EXPERIMENTATION WILL START. NO P-4 FACILITY EXISTS HERE AND NONE PLANNED. ANY ISRAELI RESEARCH IN THAT CATEGORY WILL PROBABLY BE DONE AT EMBL HEIDELBERG.

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